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Ms. Donna Searcy, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W. Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Searcy,

I am writing to you to express my concerns about PR 92-235. I am the administrator for a fire protection district in northwestern Wyoming. Our district provides fire protection for a 3000 square mile area and includes private, State, United States Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management lands. Our responsibility includes only the private lands and private property but we commonly work with the state and federal agencies and we have established common radio frequencies to accomplish this. I understand that this capability could be affected by this proposed rule.

All of our fire suppression personnel are volunteers who are contacted by pagers. Since some of these volunteers respond from fire stations over 50 miles from the dispatch center it is essential that our radio range not be limited like would happen if we are forced to comply with PR 92-235.

Because we feel effective communication is essential to provide for the safety of our personnel we have invested heavily in two way radio equipment. We have 65 pagers, 18 mobile radios, 15 portable radios, one base station and one repeater installation. Even if this equipment could be replaced with new equipment that would still fulfill our needs we could not afford the expense.

It may be difficult for someone not familiar with areas such as ours to realize how vital long-range communication is to us. I don't see any way that we can continue to provide safe, effective, fire protection in our area if our